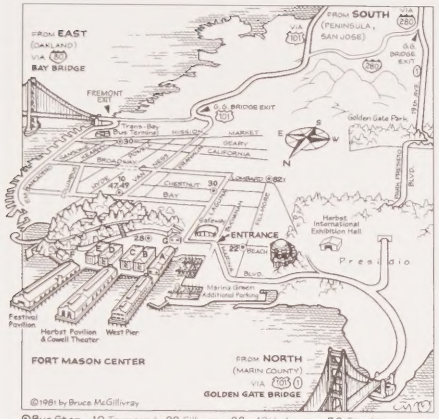

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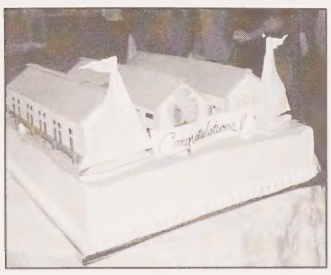
Fort Mason Center — 60 More Years
Fort Mason Foundation & National Park Service Reach Historic Agreement
See feature "Preserve History, Expand Programing" Photo: Robert Campbell

PRESERVE HISTORY, EXPAND PROGRAMMING

"The Fort Mason Foundation (FMF) and the National Park Service (NPS) are entering into a phased, 60-year lease that will shore up the historic landmark buildings at Fort Mason Center in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), add new space, and provide opportunity for new community programming," Foundation Executive Director Alexander Zwissler announced in November.

The first of its kind park-foundation partnership is designed to provide a means to preserve and protect the 11 historic landmark buildings on the 13-acre urban national park site, but also provide an opportunity to revisit its purpose and refashion its vision, the partners say. This is the longest programmatic agreement that the NPS has entered into. It will allow the diversity of programs offered by the foundation to continue.



Celebratory Cake
Photo: Janice Tong

"We are immensely proud of the success of the Fort Mason Foundation and how it serves the community. We're equally excited about the promise of how the Fort Mason Center can even better serve visitors' needs as we move into the future. This long-term lease provides the security of tenure needed for the National Park Service and the foundation to realize this potential and to do it in a financially sustainable manner," stated GGNRA Superintendent Brian O'Neill.

The foundation, created at the suggestion of two NPS citizens' advisory commissions three decades ago,

Former chair Bob Domrese, GGNRA Superintendent Brian O'Neill, former chair Martin Quinn, FMF Executive Director Alex Zwissler, current chair Mark Johnson Photo: Janice Tong

opened Fort Mason Center for public programming in 1977. The cooperative agreement between the newly formed GGNRA and the foundation was among the first successful conversions of a military base to peacetime use.

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"This shows that a 'post to park conversion' can be done successfully and we are building upon that success," O'Neill said.

"The eventual success of this project and our 28-year relationship with the National Park Service," Zwissler pointed out, "was initially greeted with some skepticism, but over the years our partnership has provided affordable space for young and struggling nonprofit organizations, inexpensive performance and studio space for visiting nonprofit organizations, and wonderfully diverse programming for the Bay Area. Today, we are building on our founding spirit and ongoing success with a new partnership, just as unique, just as creative, and one that will be even more productive."

Preservation
Most significant in the new phased-approach lease is that it allows the foundation to borrow and raise funds to protect and preserve the Center's weather-beaten buildings, some of them built as long ago as 1911. The buildings require seismic retrofitting and a significant amount of exterior and interior work. While the substructures of the piers remain a federal responsibility in the new lease, the rest of the work, including seismic retrofitting of the building sheds, becomes the responsibility of the foundation.

This includes complete restoration of the unoccupied, two-story West Pier, which will provide nearly 55,000 square feet of new and dramatic program space, with the top floor having an open span and spectacular views of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Future
Throughout the summer, the foundation's executive director and board members met with the Center's resident organizations, Bay Area artists, producers, neighbors, and community leaders in a series of "vision sessions" to discuss a rich, new vision for Fort Mason Center.

"We are at a very exciting intersection in time," said Mark Johnson, Chair of the foundation's board of directors. "We are taking a fresh look at what we can do with this incredible community resource. Our goal is to create an even more bustling campus, expand our programming, and better use our dramatic waterfront location."

"We are already working with the National Park Service, MUNI, Market Street Railway and others to bring the E-Line to Fort Mason Center," Zwissler said. "This would link historic transportation with an historic destination. More important, it would provide greater public access to Fort Mason Center."

Zwissler indicated that the foundation and the NPS will also look into the idea of ferry service and water taxis to bring visitors to the Center and to the City.

"We've received a number of great ideas from the community," Zwissler said, "and we invite suggestions. We've got the best of all possible worlds. We have the opportunity to make something really good into something even better."

For more information about Fort Mason Center, visit www.fortmason.org. To send an idea or suggestion about the Center's future, e-mail vision@fortmason.org.

Fort Mason Center's West Pier
Photo: Ron Tierney

BUY A TREE, HELP A KID

FESTIVAL PAVILION

Photo: Josef Wold

The holiday season is a time our generous spirits awaken. The Guardsmen, who set up a huge Christmas tree lot at Fort Mason Center each year, have a way for you to be generous to yourself as well as others. Buy a tree from the Guardsman and they will spend roughly 95 percent of what you give them for children's programs.

With additional money from major donors, the group raises more than a million dollars each year — money that sends about 3,000 children to camp. While the children come from a wide range of backgrounds, there is special emphasis on those who are physically and emotionally challenged.

In the last few years the Guardsmen Christmas Tree lot — this year in the Festival Pavilion — has become a one-stop holiday shop, with ornaments, wreaths, tree stands, and other decorations. Free popcorn and a big, inflated jumpy for the kids makes a tree-buying excursion an enjoyable undertaking.

Open the last day of November, the "lot" remains open until December 18. For more information, check the December 1 listing in the calendar and visit www.guardsmen.org. — *RT*

LIFE DURING WARTIME WITH E. L. DOCTOROW

CONFERENCE CENTER, BUILDING A

Acclaimed writer E. L. Doctorow's new novel, *The March*, illuminates a savage period in American history — the Civil War. The author of bestsellers *Ragtime*, *City Of God*, and *World's Fair* reads from his latest book during a Books Inc. signing event at Fort Mason Center in mid-December. At press time, Doctorow was a finalist for the 2005 National Book Award for fiction for *The March*.

The March chronicles the lives of soldiers, African Americans, and civilians swept up in one of the Civil War's most brutal campaigns — Sherman's March. In 1864, Union General William Tecumseh Sherman burned Atlanta and embarked on a 60-mile swath of destruction through Confederate territory in Georgia and the Carolinas. Doctorow's narrative treats the onslaught of 60,000 troops like a ravening plague of locusts, consuming everything in its path; ranks swelling with the displaced, the liberated, and the lost.

Distinctive Doctorow characters emerge from the ferocious swarm devastating plantations and towns, among them Sherman himself. The story gains depth from the perspectives of two misfit soldiers, a freed girl named Pearl, Union surgeon Colonel Sartorius, and a Southern judge's daughter. In the surreal and violent atmosphere of war, the march takes on a drifting existence of its own, fueled by flames, chaos, and victory. By delving into the interminable, insolvable nature of war, Doctorow draws interesting parallels with current events.

Discuss a fascinating interval in US history with a thought-provoking novelist. See December 14 and www.booksinc.net for details. — *CW*

RUMBLINGS, RAMBLINGS AT THE FORT

CELEBRATE!... Fort Mason Foundation residents, staff, board, and many other friends celebrated the new 60-year-lease with the National Park Service and especially the Golden Gate National Recreation Area last month. See the story on page one. It was a great evening at the Herbst Pavilion, with **Blue Bear School of Music** providing the sound behind the celebration. Kudos to the **Jim Peterson Trio**. Besides Jim on the alto sax, **David Ewell** played bass and **Bryan Bowman** was on drums.

MORE THANKS, OR LET THEM EAT CAKE... What's a party without a party look, food, and the beverage of your choice. Our most gracious benefactors were **Hartmann Studios**, **Global Gourmet Catering**, and **Best Beverage Catering**. And though it was no one's birthday, there was a cake. A big cake. Alamo, CA– and Oakland, CA–based **Katrina Rozelle** provided the layered sweetness modeled on the three Fort Mason Center piers.

GIVE BATS FOR A HOLIDAY GIFT... Better than a puppy? **Bats Improv** is in the holiday spirit. You can hire them for a holiday party, buy a gift certificate for their improv workshops or go to their on-line store. All this, not to mention some special holiday performances, here at Fort Mason Center for you to enjoy.

RUMBLING, MORE THAN RAMBLING... Mayor **Gavin Newsom** was here for the west coast premiere — actually world premiere since it was one day before New York's — of the controversial Wal-Mart movie, *The High Cost of Low Price*. Filmmaker **Robert Greenwald** was on hand as well.

FOR WE ARE JOLLY GOOD PEOPLE... There is often more going on at Fort Mason Center than meets the eye. We want to remind you that 30 nonprofit resident organizations are here all year long. We urge you to visit www.fortmason.org and click on the "resident" listing. Once there, click on the organization that interests you and a window will pop up that explains what they do and provides — one click away — a web site for them. So many do good work, ranging from important causes and education opportunities to recreation and just plain fun.

20 YEARS AGO, THIS MONTH... The **Guardsmen** were here selling Christmas trees. **Friends of the San Francisco Library** held a book sale. The *Nutcracker* wasn't performed here that year, but *The Tale of the Toy Soldier* was, produced by the **Young Performers Theatre**. The **Magic Theatre** produced *Scar* by Obie-winning **Murray Mednick** about a traumatized Vietnam veteran. The **War Resisters League West** held an anniversary event here. An all-day **10th Poetry Film Festival** was also held. A **John Lennon** Memorial Program provided a glimpse into the poetry, prophecies, and songs of the legendary Beatle. — *Staff*

IT'S ONLY ROCK & ROLL (BUT KIDS LIKE IT)

COWELL THEATER

What do The Velvet Underground, Pink Floyd, the Ramones, and Nine Inch Nails have to do with kids' holiday shows? Find out with The Sippy Cups at the Cowell this December. The Bay Area rock band stages a family-friendly yuletide variety show complete with circus acts, puppets, audience participation, and a festive party atmosphere.

Sippy Cups popularity is on the rise after a steady stream of gigs that delight kids and parents alike. The band's playlist reads like a page from the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame handbook with cool hits by The Kinks, David Bowie, T. Rex, and The Beatles, along with original tunes. Lead singer Paul Godwin and lead guitarist Mark Verlander perform a new rendition of "Jingle Bell Rock" at the holiday shows.

Sippy Cups co-founder Doug Nolan is also the man behind Rock Steady Juggling, a group of performers who can toss around anything — from flaming torches to hula hoops — while peddling unicycles. Rock Steady makes a guest appearance during the Sippy Cups Christmas extravaganza. Also on the bill are vocalists from Flying Without Instruments, an a cappella ensemble that sings classics from the 14th through 21st centuries.

If all that entertainment isn't rambunctious enough, be sure to stick around for the audience participation segment of the show. Adults and kids are welcome to sing along, dance, volunteer for circus stunts, or join the band onstage. If you've never experienced a preschool mosh pit, your time has come.

Funk out and rock on this Christmas with The Sippy Cups. For more information, see December 11, www.thesippycups.com, and www.rocksteadyjuggling.com. — *CW*

Photo: Linda Jacobson

SURVIVING 2005 WITH A SMILE

COWELL THEATER

Bidding 2005 farewell may be a relief for most folks as it hasn't been the happiest of years. If anyone can find something to laugh about in the past year, it's Will Durst and friends at the Big Fat Year-End Kiss-Off Comedy Show XIII in the Cowell on New Year's Eve.

The way things are going these days, 13 could turn out to be a lucky number, at least if you have the sardonic wit of Durst and company. Mega-disasters, mongo-scandals, and looming global pandemics are not all that amusing on TV, but the Year-End Kiss-Off has a way of making dire developments seem hilarious. Imagine Jon Stewart's *Daily Show* on steroids, or a live version of *The Onion* delivered by people with really bad attitudes (and hangovers from media overload).

Many cast members from previous year-end kiss-offs are back this year — good news for those who can't wait to see Will Durst harpoon the White House, stem cells, or "Hurricane FEMA." Debi Durst is also on hand to raise the bar on insane physical comedy and improv with her performing partner Michael Bossier.

Feisty Australian Jim Short can always be depended upon to hold forth on pithy topics such as medical marijuana, state-run health care, or tough men. Bon vivant and clever raconteur Steven Kravitz jets in for the kiss-off, which also tours through Northern California in the days before the demise of 2005. Arthur Gaus joins the cavalcade this year, fresh from marathon gigs all over the West, including Comedy Day in Golden Gate Park, Free Speech Comedy Night, The Purple Onion, and Vegas clubs.

Get your giggles on with the Will Durst gang. For details, see December 31 and www.willdurst.com. — *CW*

JANICE GARRETT & DANCERS — 2005

COWELL THEATER

Dance Magazine calls them one of the top "25 to Watch." You can watch them too during the first two weekends in December. Janice Garrett & Dancers bring exciting new work to the Cowell stage for their 2005 home season.

Internationally acclaimed guest choreographer Charles Moulton provides a San Francisco premiere of "18 Person Precision Ball Passing" that fuses the communal energy of team sports with the elegance of dance. San Franciscans will get their first glimpse of Moulton's work.

Garrett, a choreographer who performs around the world and put down roots in San Francisco in 2002, launches two world premieres. "Fast Brass" is the dancer's salute to celebration and the boisterous gypsy horns of Romania's Fanfare Ciocarlia.

An untitled world premier Garrett piece is also performed, this time working with Bay Area composer and cellist Moses Sedler in their first collaborative venture. The dancers explore Garrett's dynamic movement as it coincides with Sedler's harmonic and rhythmic music.

Photo: RJ Muna

Also on the program are two favorites — "Path on the Rug," a piece the *San Francisco Chronicle* described as "a superbly tension-ratcheting duet" and "Ostinato," an audience favorite first performed in 2002.

For more information check December 1 in the calendar. Tickets are available by calling (415) 345-7575. — *RT*

VOICES OF YOUNG CALIFORNIA

MAGIC THEATRE

News about California's educational system appears routinely in the media. Many think arts education is in serious jeopardy and many local schools have had to slash their theater programs, if not eliminate them. Local theaters are trying to help, none more so than Magic Theatre with its Young California Writers Project (YCWP). Students read short plays from the latest YCWP sessions in mid-December on the Magic stage.

"I have never written so much before." "It's hard work, but it's worth it, because you have a chance to express yourself." Magic gathers such comments from YCWP students wrestling with words to create compelling short plays. For more than a decade, Magic staff and teaching artists have helped young writers pursue dramatic visions, build self-esteem, and expand their literary skills.

Students take the lead in deciding what to read and how to prepare for an adventure in playwriting. They warm up with writing exercises, discuss theater, and attend a main stage Magic production before developing their own work.

The program finishes with a full day at Magic Theatre getting ready to present work in a staged reading format before a live audience. YCWP students work with playwrights, actors, and directors to revise, rehearse, and perform their plays and see their ideas come to life on stage.

"For many students, these performances are the highlight of their entire high school experience ... the first time adults have taken seriously what they ... had to say," wrote Madelyn Pyeatt, of the Oakland Technical High School English Department in a letter to Magic.

"The process of putting the kids in the lead continues and expands," wrote David Ford, a local playwright and YCWP teaching artist. "They impress us every time with their commitment, responsibility, focus, and capability. Over the years of developing the program, something very magic has been discovered. We ask a lot of the kids and we get it."

Hear young California voices at Magic Theatre. See December 12 and www.magictheatre.org for details. — *CW*

THE NUTCRACKER

COWELL THEATER

'Tis the season, isn't it? Chestnuts roasting on an open fire and all that. One of the rituals of the season is *The Nutcracker*. And why not? Especially when it is a joyful production by the City Ballet School and the City Youth Ballet.

Students, ages 6 to 17, are showcased in this annual Cowell Theater event held this year on December 17 and 18. Artistic Director Galina Alexandrova, who performed with the Bolshoi, San Francisco and Smuin Ballets, collaborates with Yuri Zhukov, who performed with the Kirov and San Francisco Ballet.

City Ballet School, known for producing professional dancers, provides children with the highest level of ballet training and places students with professional dance companies and in university programs.

The Nutcracker story is based on E.T.A. Hoffman's "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" and set to music by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

For more information check the December 17 calendar listing or visit www.cityballetschool.org. — *RT*

FORT MASON CENTER MONTHLY

NEW VISIONS IN PHOTOGRAPHY

SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF MODERN ART ARTISTS GALLERY, BUILDING A

Photography 2005 is SFMOMA Artists Gallery's latest semiannual survey of work by Bay Area photographers. The exhibit features images from 23 artists and reflects the diversity and innovation characteristic of Northern California photography.

Photographs in color and black and white focus on subjects such as vanishing landscapes and sacred environments. Other photographers concentrate on documenting inner journeys that lead to spiritual or psychological revelations.

Michelle McCarron has work in Photography 2005. She has traveled a great deal, gradually migrating from Ireland and Europe to San Francisco. Her moody pastel photographs reflect elusive memories of people and places.

"My photographs are my life's diary," Michelle McCarron wrote in her web site bio. "My camera became my way of recording my journey through life."

Mark Luthringer's crisp, more formally composed black and white and color images present depopulated scenes and isolated artifacts of civilization. Fading theater marquees, dusty neon signs, and abandoned storefronts are among Luthringer's many subjects. For this exhibit, Luthringer explores advertising and what he calls "the meaningless freedom of our current age of consumption."

Nature and wilderness inspire the work of Pamela Cobb and Beth Moon. Cobb recently released a series of empty, almost abstract Western vistas. Her stark landscapes offer dramatic horizons and landforms, but very little life. Beth Moon investigates other monumental aspects of nature in "Portraits of Time," a platinum-toned series of ancient, gnarled trees printed on watercolor paper.

Other artists in the show turn their lenses to dream-like interactions and fantastic places. Cara Judea Alhadeff records human gestures and postures in surreal settings. Rather than be distracted by the more flamboyant aspects of Burning Man, A. Leo Nash photographs site-specific art installed in austere desert locales for the annual celebration.

The SFMOMA Photography 2005 exhibition is on view from November 2 to December 22. See the Galleries section and www.sfmoma.org for more information. — *CW*

REMEMBRANCE OF THINGS

FORT MASON FOUNDATION MAIN OFFICE LOBBY, BUILDING A

Robert De Goff is a modern classicist. His exhibit of realistic landscape paintings in the main office of the Fort Mason Foundation, "There Are Places I Remember," is a journey of recollection through places and things that have touched and affected him. Like the Hudson River School painters of the nineteenth century — whom he considers an influence — De Goff has a deep regard for the fleeting moments of nature. He works in a style of heightened contrast, imparting a sense of drama to the landscape.

De Goff came to painting through the related field of architecture. He is also an author and university lecturer. His love for nature is apparent in his work as he continues, in his words, "the American agrarian tradition in romantic opposition to contemporary urban life."

"There Are Places I Remember" is on display through December 31. See the Galleries listing for details. — *JR*

HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT FORT MASON CENTER

THE GATEHOUSE, BUILDINGS A & B & HERBST PAVILION

For those who still haven't found that perfect holiday gift, shopping opportunities continue at Fort Mason Center (FMC) in December.

Rhode Island School Of Design
Bottle stoppers by Susan Eslick

Mark that first weekend on your calendar, because, in addition to the holiday shops at FMC's resident museums, there are six other outlets where you can make that special holiday purchase.

Start at the Gatehouse for the **Chris Honeysett Holiday Photography Showing**. The veteran photographer is showing black and white images taken over the past year. The sale takes place both days of the weekend. For details see December 3 in the calendar and visit www.chrishoneysett.com to see a sample of his work.

Head to the Conference Center next where **Hi Ho Silver San Francisco** (SF) continues its sale of high quality sterling silver jewelry from Taxco, Mexico. The sale includes etchings by Nicolas de Jesus and "funky" handwoven *La Divina* bags and runs on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from December 2–11. See December 2 and visit www.hihosilver.com for more information.

Also in the Conference Center are sales by **San Francisco Women Artists** (SFWA) on December 3, and by alumni from the **Rhode Island School of Design** (RISD) on December 4. SFWA is one of the oldest nonprofit visual arts organizations in California. Its annual **Holiday Art Fair** includes a wide spectrum of art from local women artists who are present throughout to answer questions. The December 4 **RISD Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale** includes work from more than 30 local artists and craftspeople, alumni of one of the most prestigious art and design colleges in the US. For details see the December 3 and 4 calendar listings. For information on SFWA see www.sfwomenartists.org.

Visit the **Holiday Exhibition & Sale** to see and purchase work from local college art students. Starting December 2, City College of San Francisco Fort Mason Art Campus and Continuing Education students show their wares in Building B. The popular sale features works in all media and continues all weekend. A faculty art show in the Coffee Gallery complements the show. See December 2 for more information.

The Herbst Pavilion can be your final stop for the **Holiday Fine Arts & Craft Show**. The show, beginning on Friday December 2, includes more than 160 booths filled with arts and crafts of every media. Painting demonstrations take place throughout the show. See December 2 and www.takashihonda.com for more information. — *JR*

GALLERIES

City College Of San Francisco Fort Mason Art Campus Offices Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm, Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm (closed 12/24-1/1/06)) Bldg B www.ccsf.edu (415) 561-1840
Classes Courses in ceramics, drawing, sculpture, painting & printmaking. Call or visit web site for free catalog. Ongoing enrollment for non-credit continuing education classes.
Coffee Gallery Works of art in an informal setting at CCSF's Fort Mason Art Campus. A faculty art exhibition is on display from 11/21-1/23/06. Mon-Thur 8am-11pm, Fri-Sun 8am-Midnight FREE 1st Fl Lobby (415) 561-1843
Holiday Exhibition & Sale The annual show & sale of art work features ceramics, drawings, paintings, photographs, prints, sculpture, textiles & mixed media works. 12/2-4 Fri 6-9pm (preview reception), Sat&Sun 10am-6pm FREE adm

Fort Mason Foundation Main Office Lobby Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm Sat&Sun 9am-5pm (closed 12/25 & 1/1/06 Sun) FREE adm Bldg A www.fortmason.org/visualarts/other_exhibits.shtml#fmc (415) 441-3400
There Are Places I Remember Local painter Robert A. De Goff is a modern classicist. Drawing inspiration from 19th century American landscape painting & the American Impressionists, he employs detailed brushstrokes & high contrast to create scenes of intense vitality.10/31-12/31 (510) 526-3581

Museo ItaloAmericano Gallery & gift shop Wed-Sun Noon-4pm (closed 12/24 & 25 Sat&Sun & 1/1/06 Sun) $3-$2, children under 12 FREE (1st Wed/mo Noon-7pm FREE) Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200
Automatic Desires: The Sculptures Of Sharon Que In her first San Francisco exhibition, the sculptor combines metal, wood, stone, paint & varnish to create sculptures of unusual craftsmanship & depth of meaning. 9/15-12/31
Venice & Beyond: Photographs By Luca Campigotto The Venetian photographer creates images that capture the timelessness & mystery of his native city. The moody, empty landscapes speak of an Italy far removed from the colorful, familiar tourist images. 9/15-12/31
Festa Dei Dolci Italiani The 17th annual holiday party features sweets from Emporio Rulli as well as cheeses, wine & espresso. 12/1 Thur 7-9pm $35 res req (415) 566-4310
Amahl & The Night Visitors Ina Chalis Opera Ensemble presents Gian Carlo Menotti's one-act Christmas classic. 12/10 Sat 2pm FREE res req
Italian Language Classes Various days/times. Call or visit web site for brochure. $175/course

Museum Of Craft & Folk Art Gallery & gift shop Tue-Fri&Sun 11am-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm (Closed from 12/24) $4-$3, youth under 18 FREE (Sat 10am-Noon & 11/29-12/23 FREE) Bldg A www.mocfa.org (415) 775-0991
Material Matters — Three Masterful Approaches To Fiber, Wood & Glass Work by Karen Hampton, Philip Agee & Pamina Traylor. 9/14-11/27
Holiday Gift Shop features arts & crafts from around the world plus the museum's signature collection of holiday ornaments. Through 12/23.

SF Museum Of Modern Art Artists Gallery Tue-Sat 11:30am-5:30pm (closed 12/23-1/2/06) FREE adm www.sfmoma.org/museumstore/artists_overview.html (415) 441-4777
Photography Semi-annual exhibition of new photographs. 11/2-12/22

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

EVENTS
12/1 Book Bay Bookstore
12/1 SF Maritime National Historical Park Library
12/1 Festa Dei Dolci Italiani
12/7 Free Museum Day
12/11 Animal People Party

HOLIDAY SHOPPING
12/1 The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot
12/2 Hi Ho Silver SF Sterling Jewelry Sale
12/2 Holiday Fine Arts & Crafts Show
12/2 City College Of SF Holiday Exhibition & Sale
12/3 SF Women Artists Holiday Art Fair
12/3 Chris Honeysett Holiday Photography Showing
12/4 RISD Alumni Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale

THEATER
12/1 ReOrient 2005
12/1 The Hopper Collection
12/2 BATS Improv: Office Party — The Musical
12/4 BATS: Sunday Players Micetro
12/9 BATS: Stories Of The Season
12/10 Pan Theater Improv
12/12 Young California Writers Project
12/16 BATS: Holiday Follies
12/18 BATS: Christmas Rock Musical
12/31 Big Fat Year-End Kiss-Off Comedy Show XIII

MUSIC/DANCE
12/1 Janice Garrett & Dancers
12/10 Amahl & The Night Visitors
12/11 The Sippy Cups In Jingle Bell Rock
12/17 City Ballet School: The Nutcracker
12/18 BATS: Christmas Rock Musical

CHILDREN/FAMILY
12/3 Pinocchio
12/3 Holiday Card Making
12/10 Amahl & The Night Visitors
12/11 The Sippy Cups In Jingle Bell Rock
12/12 Young California Writers Project

LECTURES/READINGS
12/9 Long Now Foundation
12/14 Books Inc. Presents E. L. Doctorow

MEETINGS
12/3 Alcoholics Anonymous
12/4 Food Addicts In Recovery
12/4 Divine House Of God
12/4 Word Of Faith Christian Center
12/4 Bible Study Group
12/5 Prostate Awareness Support Group
12/17 Psychic Healing Fair
12/29 SF Astrological Society

OPENINGS/RECEPTIONS
12/2 City College Of SF Holiday Preview

DECEMBER

FORT MASON CENTER

SAN FRANCISCO

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THURSDAY 1

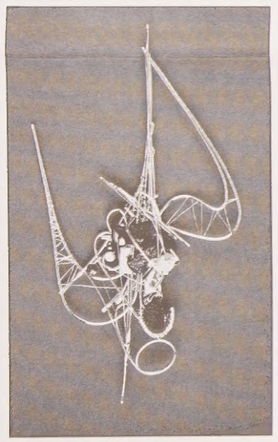
The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot Annual sale of Christmas trees, ornaments & wreaths by this SF service organization. All proceeds benefit Bay Area programs for at-risk youth. 11/30-12/18 Daily 9am-9pm FREE adm Festival Pavilion www.guardsmen.org (415) 771-7747

Book Bay Bookstore Books, CDs, videos, DVDs & ephemera donated by the people & businesses of SF to support programs in SF libraries. This month's featured section is "Signed First Editions." 12/1-30 daily 11am-5pm (closed 12/24&25 Sat&Sun) FREE adm Book Bay Bookstore Bldg C www.friendssfpl.org/bookbaystore.html (415) 771-1076

SF Maritime National Historical Park (J. Porter Shaw Library) Premier collection of maritime history, books, magazines, photographs, oral histories & ships' plans. Orientations by reservation. 12/1-31 Tue 1-8pm, Wed-Fri 1-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm FREE Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr (415) 561-7030

ReOrient 2005 Golden Thread Productions' annual festival of short plays exploring the Middle East. 11/11-12/4 Wed-Sat 8pm Sun 7pm (no perf 11/23&24 Wed&Thur) $20-$10 (all Wed tkts $10) Magic Theatre Bldg D www.goldenthread.org (415) 626-4061

Festa Dei Dolci Italiani The 17th annual Museo ItaloAmericano holiday party features sweets from Emporio Rulli as well as cheeses, wine & espresso. 7-9pm $35 res req Museo ItaloAmericano Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 566-4310



Holiday Fine Arts & Crafts Show
Pin by Takashi Honda see 12/2

The Hopper Collection Magic Theatre continues its 2005-06 season w/this production of Mat Smart's post-modernist look at the relationship between two couples & a peculiar painting by a modern American master. Chris Smith directs. 11/19-12/11 Tue-Sat 8:30pm Sun 2:30pm (no perf 11/24 Thur) $40-$31 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magictheatre.org (415) 441-8822 ●

Janice Garrett & Dancers The 2005 Home Season of the group hailed by *Dance* magazine as one of the "top 25 to watch." This vibrant troupe performs two premieres, two audience favorites & a signature work by guest choreographer Charles Moulton. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 12/1-10 Thur-Sat 8pm $25 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater www.janicegarrettanddancers.org (415) 345-7575 ●

FRIDAY 2

Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale Hi Ho Silver SF introduces the Fall/Winter collection of high-quality sterling silver jewelry & items imported from Taxco, Mexico. Unusual designs priced just right for seasonal shopping. Also on sale are etchings by Nicolas de Jesus & *La Divina* bags. 11/18-12/11 Fri&Sun 10am-4pm Sat 10am-5pm (no sale 11/25 Fri) FREE adm Bldg A & Firehouse www.hihosilver.com (415) 771-4446

Holiday Fine Arts & Crafts Show Paintings, ceramics, fiber art, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, sculpture & wood are all available at this huge sale featuring 160 artists. Art demonstrations take place during the event. 12/2-4 Fri Noon-7pm Sat 10am-7pm Sun 10am-5pm $6 (under 12 FREE) Herbst Pavilion www.takashihonda.com (415) 585-6657

Holiday Exhibition & Sale The annual show & sale of art work from City College of SF Fort Mason Art Campus and Continuing Education students features ceramics, drawings, paintings, photographs, prints, sculpture, textiles & mixed media works. A faculty art show in the Coffee Gallery complements the show. 12/2-4 Fri 6-9pm (preview reception), Sat&Sun 10am-6pm FREE adm City College of SF Fort Mason Art Campus Bldg B www.ccsf.edu (415) 561-1840

BATS Improv: Office Party — The Musical There's passion brewing within those cubicles. Watch it erupt under the mistletoe in this improvised musical. Joshua Raoul Brody directs. 12/2&3Fri &Sat 8pm $15 ($12 adv) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improv Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935 ●

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Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
ReOrient 2005 see 12/1
The Hopper Collection see 12/1 ●
Janice Garrett & Dancers see 12/1 ●

SATURDAY 3

SF Women Artists Holiday Art Fair The annual event from SF's oldest nonprofit art organization features original paintings, prints, photography, jewelry, sculpture, mixed media, cards & more. The artists are present at the fair. 9am-5:30pm FREE adm Bldg A www.sfwomenartists.org (415) 440-7392

Alcoholics Anonymous Weekly meetings for recovering sober alcoholics. 12/3-31 Sat 9:30-10:30am FREE Bldg C (415) 674-1821

Holiday Card Making Parents & children (age three and older) can make holiday cards w/stencils, stamps, collage & more. 1-3pm $30/adult-child pair ($25 adv) SF Children's Art Center Bldg C www.childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292

Pinocchio A new production of Carlo Collodi's classic tale of the puppet who comes to life. 12/3-18 Sat&Sun, 12/19-21 Mon-Wed 1& 3:30pm $9-$6 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Young Performers Theatre Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550 ●

Chris Honeysett Holiday Photography Showing In this 13th annual holiday show & sale, Honeysett shows black & white photographs taken during the past year. 12/3&4 Sat&Sun 10am-6pm FREE adm Gatehouse www.chrishoneysett.com (415) 409-7219

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Janice Garrett & Dancers see 12/1 ●
Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale see 12/2
Holiday Arts & Crafts Show see 12/2
CCSF Exhibition & Sale see 12/2
BATS: Office Party see 12/2 ●

SUNDAY 4

Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous A fellowship of men & women in a 12-step program for recovery from addictive eating, bulimia & anorexia. 12/4-18 Sun 8-9:30am FREE adm Bldg C www.foodaddicts.org (415) 248-9347

RISD Alumni Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale Alumni from the Rhode Island School of Design present their 10th annual holiday sale featuring handcrafted jewelry, ceramics, wearable art, toys, home accessories, prints, paintings, photography & mixed media. 9:30am-5pm FREE adm Bldg A (415) 771-1905

Divine House Of God A spiritual revelation church service w/Rev. Eileen Peters, recognizing God's presence in everyone & everything. Rev. Peters applies the mystical teachings of Jesus & references divine science, unity & contemporary physicists. 12/4-18 Sun 10-11am FREE adm Bldg C www.divinehouseofgodsf.com (415) 254-7452

Word Of Faith Christian Center Non-denominational Christian ministry teaches practical application of the Bible in everyday life. Children's church for infants to age 4 on Sundays. 12/4-28 Sun 10:30-11:30am Wed 7-8pm (no mtg 12/25 Sun) FREE adm Bldg C www.wofsf.org (415) 468-9455

Bible Study Group Rev. Darrell Anderson explains the Bible in a format that everyone can understand & helps people deal w/issues faced in everyday life. 12/4-28 Sun 11am-2pm, Wed 7-10pm (no mtg 12/25 Sun) FREE adm Bldg C www.redlightministries.org (800) 906-7222

BATS Improv: Sunday Players Micetro BATS Improv School grads compete in this classic elimination format. 12/4&11 Sun 8pm $8 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improv Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935 ●

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The Hopper Collection see 12/1 ●
Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale see 12/2
Holiday Arts & Crafts Show see 12/2
CCSF Exhibition & Sale see 12/2
Pinocchio see 12/3 ●
Chris Honeysett Photography see 12/3

MONDAY 5

Prostate Awareness Support Group Monthly meeting w/guest speaker. 7-9pm $10 (suggested donation) Bldg C www.prostateawarenessfoundation.org (415) 675-5661

Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1

TUESDAY 6

Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1
The Hopper Collection see 12/1 ●

WEDNESDAY 7

Free Museum Day At Fort Mason Center Museums & galleries stay open late & admission is free. (415) 441-3400 See Galleries.
Fort Mason Foundation Main Office Lobby "There Are Places I Remember" Bldg A
Museo ItaloAmericano "Automatic Desires" & "Venice & Beyond" Bldg C
Museum Of Craft & Folk Art Holiday Gift Shop Bldg A
SFMOMA Artists Gallery "Photography" Bldg A

City College Of SF Holiday Exhibition & Sale
2004 Exhibition & Sale. Photo: Jovanne Reilly see 12/2

RISD Alumni Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale
Artist, Sas Colby see 12/4

Arts-Law Workshop see Visual Arts & Media in Classes & Workshops.

Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1
The Hopper Collection see 12/1 ●
Word Of Faith Christian Cntr see 12/4
Bible Study Group see 12/4

THURSDAY 8

Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1
The Hopper Collection see 12/1 ●
Janice Garrett & Dancers see 12/1 ●

FRIDAY 9

Long Now Foundation Sam Harris speaks on "The View from the End of the World." 7pm (coffee) 7:30pm (lecture) FREE adm ($10 donation rec) Bldg A www.longnow.org (415) 561-6582

BATS Improv: Stories Of The Season Improvised one-acts w/a holiday flair. 12/9&10 Fri&Sat 8pm $15 ($12 adv) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improv Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935 ●

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The Hopper Collection see 12/1 ●
Janice Garrett & Dancers see 12/1 ●
Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale see 12/2

The Nutcracker
Photo: Benny Eder see 12/17

SATURDAY 10

Amahl & The Night Visitors Ina Chalis Opera Ensemble presents Gian Carlo Menotti's one-act Christmas classic. 2pm FREE res req Museo ItaloAmericano Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

Pan Theater Improv presents *The Imagination Unleashed* 12/10&17 Sat 8pm $12 ($10 adv) Blue Bear Performance Hall Bldg D www.pantheater.com (415) 261-1641

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SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1
The Hopper Collection see 12/1 ●
Janice Garrett & Dancers see 12/1 ●
Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale see 12/2
Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/3
Pinocchio see 12/3 ●
BATS: Stories Of The Season see 12/9 ●

SUNDAY 11

The Sippy Cups In Jingle Bell Rock The Bay Area's freshest family performance troupe presents a holiday rock concert for the whole family. The playlist is drawn from The Beatles, The Velvet Underground, Pink Floyd, The Kinks & the Ramones, as well as original music. A circus performer, puppets & audience participation add to the festive atmosphere. 1&4pm $18-$12 (Babes-in-arms FREE) Cowell Theater www.thesippycups.com (415) 345-7575

Animal People Party Animal Switchboard's annual holiday celebration for "animal people" w/veggie pot luck, booths & entertainment. 2-4pm FREE adm (donation appreciated) Bldg C www.animalswitchboard.org (415) 474-4021

Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
The Hopper Collection see 12/1 ●
Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale see 12/2
Pinocchio see 12/3 ●
Food Addicts In Recovery see 12/4
Divine House Of God see 12/4
Word Of Faith Christian Cntr see 12/4
Bible Study Group see 12/4
BATS: Sunday Players see 12/4 ●

MONDAY 12

Young California Writers Project (YCWP) A presentation of short plays written by SF & Oakland public high school students who have participated in Magic Theatre's YCWP program. 7:30pm FREE adm Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magictheatre.org (415) 441-8001

Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1

TUESDAY 13

Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1

WEDNESDAY 14

Books Inc. Presents E.L. Doctorow Meet the author of *Ragtime* & *Billy Bathgate* when he reads from his latest novel, *The March*. Set in the last years of the American Civil War, the novel tells the story of Union General William Tecumseh Sherman's march through the south after the burning of Atlanta & of the countless lives affected by the violence of a country at war with itself. 7:30pm $30, $35/couple (incl one copy of book) res rec Bldg A www.booksinc.net (415) 931-3633

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SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1
Word Of Faith Christian Cntr see 12/4
Bible Study Group see 12/4

San Francisco Women Artists Holiday Art Fair
The Waders by Margaret Tcheng Ware see 12/3

THURSDAY 15

Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1

FRIDAY 16

BATS Improv: Holiday Follies See what goes on backstage at this popular annual show. 12/16&17 Fri&Sat 8pm $15 ($12 adv) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improv Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935 ●

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Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1

SATURDAY 17

Psychic Healing Fair Psychic Horizons' students & graduates offer readings & healings. 1-3pm FREE Gatehouse www.psychichorizons.com (415) 643-8800

The Nutcracker City Ballet School, in association w/City Youth Ballet, presents its annual interpretation of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic. Student dancers, ages six through 17, are featured in the production. 12/17&18 Sat &Sun 2&7pm $23.50 Cowell Theater www.cityballetschool.org (415) 345-7575

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SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1
Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/3
Pinocchio see 12/3 ●
Pan Theater Improv see 12/10
BATS: Holiday Follies see 12/16 ●

SUNDAY 18

BATS Improv: Christmas Rock Musical Celebrate the season w/BATS student ensemble at this completely improvised holiday musical. 8pm $8 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improv Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935 ●

Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Pinocchio see 12/3 ●
Food Addicts In Recovery see 12/4
Divine House Of God see 12/4
Word Of Faith Christian Cntr see 12/4
Bible Study Group see 12/4
The Nutcracker see 12/17

MONDAY 19

Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Pinocchio see 12/3 ●

TUESDAY 20

Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1
Pinocchio see 12/3 ●

WEDNESDAY 21

Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1
Pinocchio see 12/3 ●

Word Of Faith Christian Cntr see 12/4
Bible Study Group see 12/4

THURSDAY 22

Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1

FRIDAY 23

Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1

SATURDAY 24

SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1
Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/3

SUNDAY 25

Fort Mason Center is Closed.

MONDAY 26

Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1

TUESDAY 27

Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1

WEDNESDAY 28

Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1
Word Of Faith Christian Cntr see 12/4
Bible Study Group see 12/4

THURSDAY 29

SF Astrological Society Linea Van Horn speaks on "The Galactic Embrace." 7:30-9:30pm $10 Bldg C members.aol.com/sfastrosoc/myhomepage/index.html (415) 566-8174

Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1

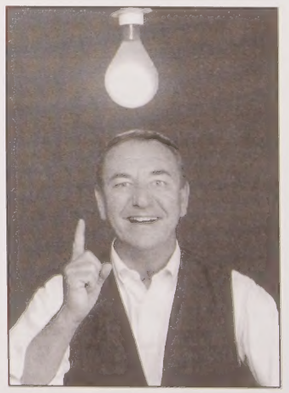
FRIDAY 30

Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1

SATURDAY 31

Big Fat Year-End Kiss-Off Comedy Show XIII Will Durst, America's premier political comedian, in a hilarious evening of stand-up comedy, improv & loosely written sketches parodying the year's events. In this New Year's Eve tradition, Will & company promise to "mock, scoff & taunt with taste." Durst is joined by Michael Bossier, Steve Kravitz, Athur Gaus, Jim Short (2004 SF Comedy Competition Winner) & Debi Durst. 7pm ($25) & 10pm ($40) Cowell Theater www.willdurst.com (415) 345-7575

SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1
Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/3



Big Fat Year-End Kiss-Off Comedy Show XIII
Will Durst see 12/31

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Blue Bear School see Performing Arts

Chinese Dance Academy Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company's classes for all ages. $264-$225 Bldg C www.ccpsf.org (415) 474-4829

Golden Gate Music Together Infants-4 yrs w/parent or caregiver (req). Songs, dance, music, CD/tape & songbook. 12/1-9&15 Mon-Fri 9:30&10:30am; 12/6&8 Tue&Thur 11:30am; 12/6 Tue 12:30pm; 12/1-8 Wed& Thur 3:20&4:15pm $217/1 child, $180/2, $95/3 & $15 fee Gatehouse www.goldengatemusictogether.com (415) 884-2711

Jing Mo Athletic Assn see Martial Arts

SF Children's Art Center Classes in all media for 27 mos to 10 yrs. Ongoing enrollment, See web site for info. $100-$240/6 wks. Drop-ins $20-$43/class. Bldg C www.childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292
Fall 2005 9/12-12/17 Mon-Sat (no classes 11/21-26 Mon-Sat)
Just For Twos (27 mos & up) Mon or Thur 11am-Noon, Tue or Wed 9-10am $255/13 wks, $20/drop-in
Open Studios Various dates, times & ages See web site for schedules. $280-$345/13 wks, $28/drop-in
Side By Side Parents or caregivers & children (22-26 mos). 10/28-12/16 Fri 9:30-10:30 am $140/7 wks, $20/drop-in
Sculpture (5-7 yrs) Mon 3:45-5:15pm $280/13 wks, $25/drop-in
Photo Mixed Media (6-10 yrs) Tue 4-5:30 pm $280/13 wks & $20 fee, $25/drop-in
Printmaking (5-7 yrs) Mon 3:30-5pm $280/13 wks, $25/drop-in
Fabric Mixed Media (6-10 yrs) Fri 4-5:30 pm $280/13 wks, $25/drop-in
Holiday Card Making Parents & children (3 yrs & up). 12/3 Sat 1-3pm $30/2 ($25 adv)

Young Performers Theatre Classes & plays, 3 yrs & up. Call or visit web site for info. Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550
Theatre Arts Academy Fall 2005 9/19-12/10 (no classes 11/21-25 Mon-Fri) $170-$190/class
Let's Pretend (3-5 yrs) 9/20-12/10 Tue or Thur 3-3:45pm or Sat 9:30-10:15am $170
I Love Puppets (5-8 yrs) 9/22-12/8 Thur 4:30-6pm $190
Musical Theatre (8-12 yrs) 9/21-12/7 Wed 4:30-6pm $190
Creative Drama (5-7 yrs) 9/19-12/9 Mon or Fri 4:30-6pm $190
How To Be Funny On Stage 9/20-12/6 Tue 4:30-6pm $190
Presenting The Show (8-12 yrs) 9/22-12/8 Thur 4:30-6pm $190
Pinocchio see 12/3 ●

EDUCATION

Astrology Workshop Georgia Stathis on "So What About Those Constellations?" 12/10 Sat 11am-5pm $70-$60 Bldg C www.geocosmic.org, www.starcycles.com (415) 558-9614

CCSF Continuing Education Web site lists classes & more. Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm, Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm (closed 11/23-26 Wed-Sat & 12/24-1/1/06) Bldg B www.ccsf.edu/Contin Ed (415) 561-1860

Improv Comedy Traffic School 2 pm classes or 1 Sat or Sun. 12/3&17 Sat 9am-5pm, 12/7&8 Wed&Thur &12/19&20 Mon&Tue 6-9:45pm $32/each Bldg C www.improv-ts.com (888) 458-2477

Kaplan Classes Strategies for college admissions testing. Bldg C www.kaptest.com (415) 905-9000
GMAT Graduate Management Admissions Test for business school. 12/4-18, 1/8/06 & 1/22-2/19/06 Sun 5-7:30pm $1,349

Museo ItaloAmericano Italian language, culture & literature classes. Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200
Italian Language Classes All levels. Mon-Thur various dates & times, call or check web site for schedule. $175 reg req

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Hunter Lovins
Professor & Co-Chair Of Sustainability, Presidio Management School see Environment

Museo ItaloAmericano (continued)
Intensive Italian 11/14-12/15 Mon&Wed 10am-Noon or 6:30-8:30pm or Tue&Thur 6:30-8:30pm (no class 11/24 Thur) $175
Festa Dei Dolci Italiani see 12/1
Amahl & The Night Visitors see 12/10

Notary Public Seminar Review notary requirements, take practice & real exams. Photo ID req for CA exam. 12/3 Sat 8:15 am-4:20pm $122.22 ($99.99 adv) & $40 CA exam fee Bldg C www.notariesunlimited.com (800) 439-4909

Open Space Workshop Use Open Space Technology (OST) for innovation, productivity, communication & collaboration at business or community meetings, retreats & conferences. OST enables strategic planning, intergroup conflict resolution, product design, coalition building, change management & sharing interdisciplinary knowledge in groups of 10-2,000. OST sparks innovation & helps accomplish more in less time w/meetings, committees, or task forces. 12/7-9 Wed 6:30-9:30pm, Thur&Fri 8am-5pm, sliding scale, call for cost Bldg C www.openingspace.net (510) 548-8449

Systems-Centered Training Experiential theory w/group dynamics. 12/1 Thur 3-6pm $75 & 12/2 Fri 8:30am-5pm $200-$75 Bldg C www.systemscentered.com (404) 261-5559 ext 1, (510) 526-5727

Testing For The Public Strategy courses for college admissions exams. Bldg C www.testing4.org (888) 383-7846
GMAT 11/28-12/12 Mon&Wed 6-10pm, 12/3&10 Sat 9am-5pm $500

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Traveling Companions Enjoy & contribute to wilderness access for people w/disabilities & youth. Scholarships available. See web site or call for more info. Bldg C www.etctrips.org (415) 474-7662

Oceanic Society The Oceanic Society has moved to Upper Fort Mason, Bldg 35. For information about whale watching trips & other events, see www.oceanic-society.org or call (415) 474-3385.

Presidio School Of Management Earn a 2-yr, 60-unit MBA in Sustainable Mgmt. Only FMC class dates listed, see web site for other dates & locations. 12/8-11 Thur-Sun 8:30am-6:30pm & 12/10 Sat 7-9:30pm $18,600/yr Bldg C www.presidiomba.org (415) 561-6590

Sailing Education Adventures Sailing Education Adventures (SEA) has moved to Upper Fort Mason, Bldg 35. Find information about SEA classes & events at www.sailsea.org or call (415) 775-8779

SF Maritime National Historical Park (NHP) Mon-Fri 8am-4pm (Closed 12/26 & 1/2/06 Mon) Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr/local/lib/libtop.html (415) 561-7000
SF Maritime NHP Library see 12/1

HEALTH & RECREATION

Aesclepion Healing Center Spiritual clinic & psychic fair. 12/2-23 Fri 7-9:30pm FREE Bldg C www.aesclepion.net (415) 453-6196

Breema: Giving & Receiving, No Difference Immerse yourself in an accepting, enlivening & deeply rejuvenating atmosphere while learning & practicing Breema bodywork & self-Breema exercises that support the aim of being present. 12/3 Sat 10am-1pm $30 FMC "Friends" $5 off w/mbrs card Bldg C www.breema.com (510) 428-0937 ●

CCSF Continuing Education see Education

Clinical Ayurvedic Specialist Program Get certified in *ayurveda*. 12/1-15 Tue-Thur 9am-Noon, 12/2-4 Fri-Sun $8,450 Bldg C www.ayurvedacollege.com (866) 541-6699

Gentle Power Aerobics 50 yrs & older. Low-impact, high-energy aerobics Mon,Wed&Fri. Yoga & stretching Tue. Ongoing classes at FMC for 25 yrs. 12/2-30 Mon-Wed&Fri 9:30-10:30am $7.50/ class (Tue $8.50) Bldg C (415) 389-8249

Hakomi Institute Comprehensive training, 8th session. 12/8-11 Thur-Sun 8am-5pm, $3,950/18 mos Firehouse www.sfhakomi.org (415) 835-2122

Sunlight Yoga Classes for all levels, beginners welcome. Reduce stress, stay healthy & fit, relax & refresh during the holiday season. 12/1-29 Thur 6-7pm $50/4 www.sunlightyoga.com (415) 939-YOGA (9642)

Universal Yoga Relax, meditate, manage stress & improve fitness. 12/7-1/11/06 Wed 7-8:30pm $150/8 wks Bldg C (415) 281-9931

MARTIAL ARTS

Bay Mountain Wing Tsun Martial arts for inner growth, health & relaxation. 12/1-29 Thur 6-9pm, 12/10-31 Sat 9am-Noon, $75-$50/mo Bldg C www.bmwingtsun.com (510) 530-3706

Cheuk Fung Yi Chuan Kung Fu Traditional health, healing & martial arts. 12/1-29 Tue&Thur 8-9:30pm $80/mo Bldg C www.yichuankungfu.com (510) 352-1263

Chinese Martial Arts W/Jack Man Wong Tai Chi & Northern Shaolin for health, high spirits, rational thinking & self-defense. 12/4-21&28 Sun 10am-Noon, Wed 5:30-7:30pm $40/mo Bldg C (510) 261-7105

Jing Mo Athletic Assn Gung-fu hand forms & weapons. Drums & lion dances. Children & adults. 12/2-16 Fri 6:30-9pm $36-$26/mo Bldg C www.jingmo.com (415) 661-8346

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